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#### PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b)

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.47(b) to allow this application to proceed without the signature of the named inventor, Ruediger Kreuter.

The application papers, including a copy of the specification, claims, drawing, preliminary amendment and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, were provided to Mr. Kreuter for execution in order to complete this application. The application papers were sent by Federal Express, Tracking No. 792653383152, to Mr. Kreuter's last known address of:

> Heinrich-Delp-Str. 290 64297 Darmstadt

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A copy of a letter dated June 2, 2004 that accompanied the application papers is enclosed. The letter bears Tracking No. 792653383152. The application papers were delivered to and accepted at Mr. Kreuter's last known address on June 4, 2004, as indicated on the enclosed Federal Express tracking report for Tracking No. 792653383152.

Mr. Kreuter, who is a former employee of Contec and DataCard Corporation, was under an obligation to assign all rights in the invention to the Company, defined in his employment agreement as Contec and DataCard Deutschland GmbH (hereinafter "DC Germany"), at the time of the invention. DC Germany is a wholly owned subsidiary of DataCard Corporation as stated in the Snook Declaration. As a result, DataCard Corporation has sufficient proprietary interest in the above-referenced application.

As of the date of this petition, the executed application papers have not been received from Mr. Kreuter, as indicated in the attached Snook and Larson declarations.

Applicants respectfully submit that the period of time that has elapsed since the application papers were presented to Mr. Kreuter for execution, along with Mr. Kreuter's present law suit against DataCard as indicated in Snook declaration, should be construed as a refusal by Mr. Kreuter to execute to the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Please find enclosed the petition fee of \$130.00. Charge any other fee that may be necessary in consideration of this petition, to Merchant & Gould deposit account no. 13-2725.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, James A. Larson (Reg. No. 40,443), at 612.336.4708.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.

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Dated: September 17, 2004

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June 2, 2004

Mr. Rüdiger Kreuter Dipl.-Ing. Heinrich-Delp-Str. 290 64297 Darmstadt GERMANY Via Federal Express Tracking No. 792653383152

Re:

Our Ref. No. 2968.215USU1

DataCard Ref. No. 502.249USU1

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/659,919 for:

REMOTE PERSONALIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

#### Dear Mr. Kreuter:

Our firm represents DataCard Corporation (DataCard) in various intellectual property matters, including the above-referenced U.S. patent application in which you are named as an inventor.

We respectfully request your cooperation in this application and your signature on the required application papers. I have enclosed copies of the following application papers and I have indicated which ones we ask that you sign and return.

## Application Serial No. 10/659,919

- 1) A copy of the application as filed including the specification, claims, and drawings;
- 2) A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for this application Please review, sign and date this document, and return to me;
- A copy of an Assignment for this application Please review, sign and date this document, and return to me.

Minneapolis/St. Paul Denver Seattle Atlanta Washington, D.C. June 2, 2004 Page 2

We request that you return the signed documents by <u>JUNE 17, 2004</u>. A prepaid envelope is enclosed for your use in returning the signed documents. After this date, we will assume that you refuse to cooperate in these matters.

I look forward to receiving the executed documents from you shortly. Please contact me if there are questions.

With kind regards,

James A. Larson

Enclosures: as stated above

cc: Cassandra Voigt, DataCard Corporation

Andrea Snook, DataCard Corporation

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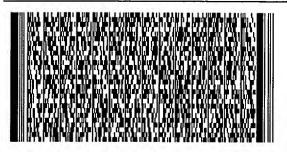
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## DECLARATION BY ANDREA SNOOK IN SUPPORT OF FILING ON BEHALF OF NONSIGNING INVENTOR UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)

I, Andrea H. Snook, declare as follows:

- 1. I am currently employed as General Counsel and Secretary of DataCard Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at 11111 Bren Road West, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343,
- 2. Ruediger G. Kreuter is the sole named inventor in the above-referenced application. The signature of Mr. Kreuter on the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is required to complete the application.
- 3. Mr. Kreuter was employed as Chief Executive Officer of Contec Gesellschaft fur Industrie-Elektronic (hereinafter "Contec") and a Vice-President of DataCard Corporation (hereinafter "DCC") Government Solutions Group, effective January 1, 2001. Redacted copies of relevant pages of an employment contract with Mr. Kreuter are enclosed herewith.

- 4. As indicated on page 1 of the employment agreement, DataCard Deutschland GmbH (hereinafter "DC Germany") is the sole shareholder of Contec.
- DC Germany is a wholly owned subsidiary of DCC.
- 6. As evidenced by section 6 (page 5) of the employment agreement, Mr. Kreuter was under an obligation to assign all rights to inventions to "the Company", which is defined on page 1 of the employment agreement as Contec with DC-Germany as the sole shareholder.
- 7. Mr. Kreuter's employment was terminated on or about April 25, 2003. As of the date of this Declaration, Mr. Kreuter has sued DCC over his termination of employment.
- 8. A letter was sent by Federal Express to Mr. Kreuter on June 2, 2004. The letter indicated that copies of the application papers and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney document accompanied the letter.
- 9. A copy of the aforementioned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney with Mr. Kreuter's signature has not been received by me as of the date of this Declaration.
- 10. I have been advised that Mr. Kreuter has not returned the signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney to our outside counsel, Merchant & Gould P.C. Since the signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney has not been returned, and in view of Mr. Kreuter's dispute with DCC, it is my conclusion that Mr. Kreuter's silence and actions constitute a refusal to sign the declaration.
- 11. A filing date for the above-identified patent application is necessary to preserve the rights of DCC with respect to the invention described and claimed.

12. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date

Andrea H. Snook

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## EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

is entered into as of the first day of January, 2001, by and between

Contec Geselischaft für Industrie-Elektronik, Verfahrens- und Regelungstechnik mbH, Darmstadt, represented by its sole shareholder DataCard Deutschland GmbH, Heerdter Lohweg 87, 40549 Düsseldorf, represented by its Managing Directors Mr. Gregory Thom and Mrs. Lou Davenport 2

- in the following "Company" -

and

DataCard Corporation, Minnetonka, USA, represented by its President Mr. Jerry Johnson
- in the following "DCC" -

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DataCard Deutschland GmbH, Heerdter Lohweg 87, 40549 Düsseldorf, represented by its Managing Director Mrs. Martina Krzyzostaniak .

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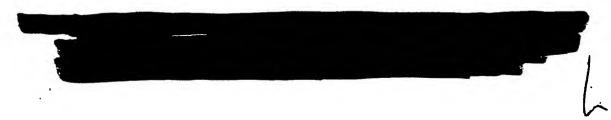
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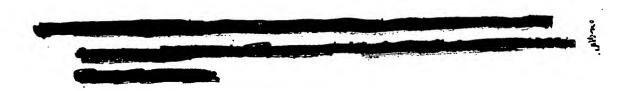
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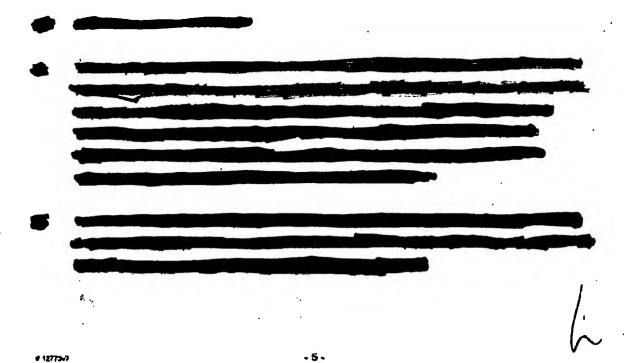
1) Mr. Kreuter will be employed as Chief Executive Officer of the Company with effect of the 1st day of January 2001 and as Vice President, DCC Government Solutions Group.





#### § 6 INVENTIONS

- non-protectible including improvements of computer software inventions which he should make during the term of his employment with the Company. The Company shall compensate Mr. Kreuter for such inventions in accordance with the provisions of the German law on inventions made by employees (Gesetz über Arbeitnehmererfindungen), dated July 25, 1957, as amended (ArbNErfG), including the Guide Line dated July 20, 1959. The commissions described in Section 8 shall be deemed full and fair consideration pursuant to the preceding half sentence and the ideas of the parties; if the commissions pursuant to Section 8 are judged insufficient, they shall be subtracted from the consideration due pursuant to this Section 6. Mr. Kreuter hereby assigns all rights to these inventions to the Company, he shall inform the Company on any invention and assist the Company in obtaining industrial property rights.
- 2) The rights of the Company on these inventions according to this Contract shall not be affected by changes or the termination of this Contract.





Düsseldorf, ..... December, 2000

DataCard Deutschland GmbH as sole shareholder of Contec Gesellschaft für Industrie-Elektronik, Verfahrens- und Regelungstechnik mbH,

(Greg Thom)

(Lou Davenport)

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Name: David Octiz

#### **DECLARATION BY HEINER BOHNSACK**

I, Heiner Bohnsack, declares as follows:

- 1. I am currently Managing Director of Contec GmbH, a subsidiary of DataCard Corporation (DataCard).
- 2. On and prior to September 19, 2001, I was employed by DataCard in Germany in DataCard's Government Solutions Group (GSG).
- 3. Prior to September 19, 2001, I worked closely with Mr. Ruediger Kreuter and I had a close dialog with Mr. Kreuter.
- 4. Due to my close working relationship and dialog with Mr. Kreuter prior to September 19, 2001, I became familiar with his work, including the technology that is the subject of the above-referenced patent application. I have reviewed a copy of the abovereferenced patent application.

- 5. It is my belief that Ruediger Kreuter invented the technology that is the subject of the above-referenced patent application while he was employed by Contec.
- 6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## **AUTHORIZATION OF DATACARD**

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Dear Sir:

I am General Counsel and Secretary of DataCard Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at 11111 Bren Road West, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343.

I hereby authorize Dennis I. Warwick to sign the declaration for the above-referenced patent application on behalf of DataCard Corporation.

Andrea H. Snook

Printed Name

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# COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: REMOTE PERSONALIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

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#### **DECLARATION BY JAMES A. LARSON**

I, James A. Larson, declares as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney with Merchant & Gould P.C., P.O. Box 2903, Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903 (M&G).
- 2. M & G represents DataCard Corporation of Minnetonka, MN (DataCard) in various intellectual property matters, including the above-referenced patent application.
- 3. In a letter dated June 2, 2004, I sent a copy of the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, along with a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, to Mr. Ruediger Kreuter at his last known address.
- 4. As of the date of this declaration, I have not received a signed copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from Mr. Kreuter.

5. As of the date of this declaration, I have not received a communication from Mr. Kreuter indicating that the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced application has been or will be signed.

6. I have reviewed what I believe to be a complete employment agreement effective January 1, 2001 between DataCard, DataCard Deutschland GmbH, Contec and Mr. Kreuter.

7. It is my conclusion after reviewing the entire agreement that the agreement to assign in Mr. Kreuter's employment agreement is not dependent on specified conditions being met.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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